

GORMAN'S MANEUVERS ALARM ADMINISTRATION

Fears Marylander May Defeat Canal Treaty.

PRESIDENT SEES LEADERS

Democratic Votes Promised, But Difficulty Is to Keep the Republic in Line.

Perturbed over the efforts of Senator Gorman to force the canal treaty, President Roosevelt called a conference yesterday morning. Assurances had been given that twelve or thirteen Democrats were certain to vote for the treaty, but the new turn of affairs precipitated by Senator Hour's speech, is so disquieting that the Administration feels it incumbent to present an unbroken front to the opponents of the treaty and to line up every possible vote for ratification.

Cabinet Members Call.

Secretary Moody, Assistant Secretary Loomis and Secretary Cortelyou joined in the consultation. In the course of the day every member of the Cabinet was at the White House, with the exception of Secretary How, who is ill. Secretary Shaw, who is out of the city, and Secretary Wilson, it is believed, and President went over to the situation with the members of the Cabinet, and also with a number of Republican leaders of the Senate, including Senator Spooner and Senator Lodge. When Senator Lodge left the White House he was gesticulating forcibly while conversing with Senator Spooner, something unusual for the usually calm statesman from Massachusetts.

Senators Keam and Dwyer of New Jersey were also at the White House. Senator Platt of Connecticut, chairman of the Cuban Relations Committee, and a member of the Finance and Judiciary Committees, whose advice the President always seeks on important matters, was escorted with the President for a time.

"Bad Bit of Politics."

The Administration is firmly convinced the people want the canal and that if the Democrats prevent its construction it will be a huge political blunder.

"If Mr. Gorman succeeds in killing the treaty," said one of the President's callers, "it will be the worst bit of politics the Democrats have accomplished for many a year. The people of this country demand that canal, and will have it sooner or later. If Mr. Gorman should succeed in blocking the treaty, and should obtain the nomination for the Presidency at the head of the Democratic ticket, the people would be traceable to that, much as to any other single reason."

With a solid front, the Democrats can beat the treaty, but with three Democratic votes, the Republicans will have the required two-thirds. The Republicans maintain they have more than that. Under the circumstances, the matter of holding every Republican vote in line becomes of the greatest importance.

SEVERAL SMALL BLAZES

KEEP THE FIREMEN BUSY

Defective Chimney and a Gasoline Stove the Cause of Some Excitement.

Four small blazes in dwellings made work for the Fire Department yesterday. The first broke out a few minutes after 4 o'clock in the parlor of the house at 401 G Street northwest, occupied by Mrs. Jane Easley. Mrs. Easley was burned slightly and the damage to the property amounted to about \$100. The origin of the blaze is a mystery. An hour later a small fire broke out in the house at 24 Dingman Place, occupied by Jennie Pondexter. The damage was slight.

NEW JERSEY CENTENARIAN EXPIRES IN MILLVILLE

MILLVILLE, N. J., Dec. 19.—Richard Freeman, who was one hundred years old last October, died today. He was the oldest known resident of Cumberland county, long noted for the longevity of its citizens. Up to within the last two years he has been active and could do a day's work with much younger men.

MRS. ROOSEVELT PRESENTS NUCLEUS OF NEW LIBRARY

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt presented a book to the town of Statesville today to form the nucleus of a new library. The book is entitled "The Simple Life," by Charles Wagner. Mrs. Roosevelt's autograph appears on the cover of the book.

TEN YEARS FOR MURDER BECAUSE HE WAS YOUNG

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 19.—Joseph Bledsoe, fourteen years old, was convicted today at Clarksville, Texas, for murder, and was given ten years in the penitentiary. His killing of his step-brother, eleven years old, and burying the body in the woods, was exceedingly cruel. His youth only kept the jury from sentencing him to death.

STRUCK FOOT WITH HAMMER.

Henry De Vaughn was a patient at the Emergency Hospital yesterday with a crushed foot. De Vaughn, who is fifty-seven years old, and lives at 1814 Sixth Street southwest, was working at 1912 E Street northwest, when he struck his foot a blow with a sledge hammer.

DIED.

NEAGLE—At 4 p.m., Dec. 19, 1903, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. John F. Waggoner, 1827 15th st. n.w., VIRGINIA C. A. NEAGLE, 64, late sixty-third year.

J. WILLIAM LEE, UNDERTAKER AND LIVERY, 822 Penn. Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C.

PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Prices Are Ranging From 25 Cents to \$25.

ORDERS PLACED IN ADVANCE

Consignments Received From Southwest and North, in Addition to the Home Supply.

The advance guard of the vendors of Christmas greens invaded the city yesterday, and during the afternoon and night all kinds of holiday decorations in green were offered for sale on the streets and in the market places. Ordinarily there is a plentiful supply of Christmas greens offered for sale in the Washington markets and on the streets every year, and there is no reason to believe that this will not be the case in the coming holiday season. Fortunately for the residents of Washington, particularly the little ones, the surrounding counties are exceedingly productive of Christmas trees, and the home product, if it may so be called, is always obtainable at a low price.

Trees From Afar.

The large dealers in Christmas greens, however, do not depend solely on the home market for a supply of goods. Many of them receive consignments from the South, West, and the North. The large dealers say that orders are placed with them long in advance for Christmas trees of a particular shape and height, which are used in churches and by other organizations.

FIREMAN FATALLY HURT IN SLUM CONFLAGRATION

Hurtled From High Building in New York—Woman Mangled in Rush From Tenement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Four alarms were turned in tonight for a fire in the heart of the East Side tenement and lodging house district.

The fire started in the four-story double brick building at the corner of Elizabeth and Hester Streets. Adjoining on Elizabeth Street was a five-story tenement occupied by at least forty Italian families, while on the east, on Hester Street, was a four-story lodging house.

Just before the firemen were ordered back to quarters an accident occurred that will probably result in the death of William Gerhardt, of engine company 220. He was working in an airshaft, when an iron shutter fell, knocking him to the ground, a distance of fifty feet.

He was taken to the hospital unconscious, and is believed to be fatally injured. There was a panic among the inmates of both establishments, and they fled in haste to the street, leaving their belongings behind. In the rush to escape a number of women and children were knocked down and trampled on, but were not seriously hurt.

By the greatest exertion the fire was kept in the double building in which it originated, and which was occupied by the Star Laundry and a number of manufacturing firms.

There was the usual number of casualties among the members of the department, caused by falling glass, but none were seriously hurt. The loss will not exceed \$50,000.

RUNAWAY FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKS THE DIXIE FLYER

Fireman Killed, Passengers Injured, and Debris Burned Near St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—The "Dixie flyer," which left St. Louis for New Orleans on the Illinois Central Road at 9:40 o'clock, was wrecked last night not far from East St. Louis, Ill., and is reported to have burned.

The fireman was killed, and a number of passengers are reported injured. A freight train came to a stop last evening at Church Station, and a flagman was sent back to warn the approaching passenger train. Before he could do so the freight train broke in two, the tall end rushed down the grade past the flagman, and crashed into the freight train. The engine and several forward cars were demolished. A relief and wrecking train was sent from East St. Louis to render what aid is possible.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Just arrived three cars fancy spruce and fir Xmas trees. For select trees get your orders in early. STONNELL & HARRISON, 943 B Street northwest. Phone M-1460.

SPECIAL NOTICE—A meeting of the Firemen's Insurance Company, of Washington and Georgetown will be held at its office, on MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1904, at 12 O'CLOCK, M., for the election of thirteen directors. Polls open at 11 a. m. C. W. HOWARD, Secretary. 4617-151.

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Pea Coal, for a Few Days, \$4.75 per Ton

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GOVERNOR ODELL GUEST OF HONOR AT DINNER

Industrial and Economic Conditions Discussed by Chamber of Commerce in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 19.—Governor Odell was the guest of honor tonight at the chamber of commerce dinner, and enjoyed the hospitality of the leading business and professional men of the city.

William Caryl Edy was toastmaster and the principal speakers, aside from the governor, were Leonard Dodge, president of the chamber of commerce; William P. Letchworth, formerly a member of the State board of charities; State Senator Thomas F. Grady, of New York; Attorney General John Cullen, and John G. Milburn, of Buffalo. The discussion centered largely on industrial and commercial conditions, especially in Buffalo.

Governor Odell discussed good government, declaring that civic pride begets loyalty and should be encouraged. Respect for law, he declared, can be obtained only by a fair administration in every section of the commonwealth.

DISASTER THE RESULT OF LAX DISCIPLINE

Coroner Gives Verdict in Iona Island Explosion—Victims Responsible for Their Deaths.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Coroner C. S. Sloat, of Haverstraw, today gave the following verdict in the Iona Island explosion:

"I. C. S. Sloat, one of the coroners of Rockland county, having received notification of the death of J. E. Brown, G. W. Morehead, Fred Locke, James Connolly, Fred Ward, and Patrick Curran at Iona Island, on the 4th of November, 1902, have viewed the dead bodies and made inquiry respecting their deaths, and do hereby declare myself satisfied that their deaths were caused by the explosion of gunpowder, probably through the negligence of some person or persons who were employed in the unloading of shells at the rival magazine on Iona Island on the 4th of November, 1902."

"I am further satisfied that those who were directly responsible for the aforesaid explosion were among those killed, and I further find that Frederick Ward and Patrick Curran, not being ordnance men, should not have been allowed to work around explosives, which work is supposed to be done alone by regular ordnance men only, who are qualified to execute such work as the handling of all explosives, which are under the jurisdiction of the United States Navy."

Coroner Sloat is to send a copy of his verdict to Congressman Thomas Bradley, with the request that he introduce a bill in Congress for the relief of the families of the dead men. The left wing of the rival magazine, and is about to become the mother of another. There are other cases equally as sad.

NEGRO SEVERELY HURT BY CAVING EARTH

The caving in of a gravel bank at Fourth and Joliet Streets, Brookland, early yesterday afternoon, resulted seriously for Griffith Conway, a negro workman, forty-five years old, living near Ninth Street and Grand Avenue.

Conway was at work in the bottom of the pit when the sides gave way, nearly burying him. When he was released it was found that he was suffering with a dislocation of the right leg at the knee and internal injuries. He was taken to the Freedman's Hospital where he was treated and sent to a ward.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Agitation for woman suffrage along the lines of the Federal Woman's Equality Association was discussed at the annual meeting of that society last Monday at the headquarters, 2429 Fourteenth Street northwest. The work of the past year was reported as encouraging.

A movement to go into election campaigns in an effort to elect the woman suffrage men nominated by all parties was begun last summer in Wisconsin. It is expected this will be carried out in local elections.

A registration of taxpaying women has been begun, who will unite to protest against paying without voting.

VICTIM OF COCAINE.

Riley Rack was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman Walsh, of the Eighth precinct, for acting in a manner that indicated he was drunk. At the stationhouse he admitted he had been using cocaine, and his condition was such that he was removed to the Washington Asylum Hospital.

EXPENSES FOR TEN YEARS OF TRANS-SIBERIAN ROAD

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—The returns of the Trans-Siberian Railway for the past ten years show that the total cost of the road has been \$40,000,000 (40,000,000,000 rubles (\$722,300,000) for the construction and strengthening. The cost will be increased in exact proportion as the railway is extended to the eastward.

ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF GOVERNOR MORALES

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A delayed dispatch from Santo Domingo reports that an attempt was made on the life of Governor Morales, acting president, on the night of December 14.

Morales took refuge in the French consulate. Another revolt, the dispatch declares, cannot be arrested.

ROCKERS AS GIFTS.

WE'LL TAKE JUST ONE ITEM TO ILLUSTRATE MANY.

The Rocker like the illustration, in Golden Oak and mahogany finish—polished—a thoroughly well built, comfortably swung rocker that would ordinarily sell for \$2.50, offered among the Xmas specials

at..... \$1.95

W. B. MOSES & SONS,

F STREET, CORNER ELEVENTH.

TURKEY IS WILLING TO MAKE AMENDS

Minister Leishman Advises the State Department That an Apology Is to Be Made.

Turkey is willing to have the governor of Alexandria make apologies to Consul General Davis for the indignities recently visited upon him. Mr. Leishman, the United States minister at Constantinople, has advised the State Department the Turkish government is willing to make reparation.

Secretary Moody has been informed by dispatch that Mr. Davis sailed for Alexandria from Beirut Friday. He departed on the United States cruiser San Francisco, and he was under instructions to demand an apology and full reparation for the wrongs he and Attarian, the Americanized Armenian, whom he was assisting, suffered at the hands of the mob.

KIMBALL CONFIRMED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senate's Action Indicates That Charges Against Police Judge Were Not Regarded as Serious.

Judge Ivory G. Kimball was confirmed yesterday afternoon by the Senate.

The confirmation was made in executive session, but there was no opposition on the part of any Senator, and the Senate's action indicates that the charges made against him and heard before a subcommittee of the Senate were not regarded as serious.

None of the negroes who announced that they would make a fight on the confirmation appeared at the hearing before the committee.

MADDENED HORSE KILLS WOMAN IN A RUNAWAY

Fatal Runaway Accident in the Shopping District of New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—One woman was killed; one woman and a man badly hurt, while at least ten other persons were slightly injured as the result of a runaway accident on Broadway late this afternoon.

Miss Sarah A. Thomas, of Indianapolis, was killed, and Miss Helen Tompkins, 32 North Seventh Street, Newark, N. J., was fatally injured.

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BOSTON POLICE CLAIM HEISMAN, CROOK OF FAME

New Charge Preferred Against Celebrated Swindler Captured by Local Authorities.

Heisman, the much wanted Heisman, of many aliases, Heisman, the "psychologist," who claimed the power by supernatural means to solve all the problems of life, and thereby obtained possession of thousands of dollars of unsuspecting women, is now claimed by the Boston authorities. He was arrested here after a four years' chase for obtaining \$4,000 from a Miss Comb.

Last night a telegram was received from the Boston chief of police, William B. Watts, of Boston, saying that Heisman's photograph had been fully identified by his "victims."

Early yesterday morning a telephone message was received from Philadelphia announcing that Heisman's game had paid him some \$15,000 in that city. A warrant was sworn out by Anna Shild, 2704 Poplar Street, Philadelphia, alleging that her loss was \$500.

Heisman's record is now being investigated. It is known that he was an understudy to "Prof. Turner," alias Fred Tuttle, in the latter's sensational escapades in Salt Lake City.

Major Theodore Hausmann, a civil war veteran, one of the first mounted police of the city, and now employed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, living at 227 Brightwood Avenue, and whom Heisman claims as his grandfather, was a caller at Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon. He said Heisman was not his legitimate grandson.

Hausmann also says the records of St. Aloysius Church will prove this, and that Heisman's birth is credited to a bricklayer named Sutton.

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